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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference 88046/13320/03 | FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below. | |
| International application No. PCT/GB2005/001081 | International filing date (day/month/year) 22/03/2005 | (Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 02/04/2004 |
| Applicant EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY | | |

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

ELECTROWETTING DISPLAY ELEMENT

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

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b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A display element comprising at least two conductive porous layers and a conductive liquid, the conductive porous layers comprising a plurality of connected conductive particles insulated from the conductive liquid by a dielectric and lyophobic covering, and means for separately connecting a voltage across the at least two porous layers and the liquid such that on sequential application of a voltage to each conductive layer the liquid is displaced from one location to another location, the liquid only returning to the original location upon alternate sequential application of a voltage.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G02B26/02 G09F9/37

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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